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### THE SALE OF PATENTED ARTICLES.

As we contemplate the few homely  
articles which form the outfit of an editor's  
table, it occurs to us to enumerate  
how many of these exist in their present  
convenient form solely on account of  
the stimulus of a good patent system.

To begin with there is the inkstand  
patented. So is the ink it contains.  
So are the penholder, the penholders and  
pens. So are the ruler, the eraser, the  
blotter and the paper fasteners. Yes,  
and so are the paper files and the port  
folio, and even the gas burner, by the  
aid of which, these shortening days, we  
are able to protract our labors some-  
what into the dusk of the evening.

All these things are good after their  
kind, and were purchased as being  
most likely to be convenient for our  
use, out of many other patented  
articles.

If we, in the limited furniture of an  
editorial sanctum, can find ourselves so  
much indebted for comfort and conven-  
ience to patented articles, surely it  
were not a hard task for the farmer,  
the artisan and the housewife to count  
up a host of things, which not only  
minister to their comfort, but without  
which they could scarcely now proceed  
with their business, and all of which  
have been patented. Very few of  
these things would have been produced  
without the hope of gain held out by  
the patent system.

Those who will take the trouble to  
see how many patented devices are in  
constant use by them, will certainly be  
better prepared to appreciate the value  
of patents in themselves, and will not  
be so ready to throw odium upon the  
system on account of the practices of  
an occasional fraudulent vender that  
infests rural districts.

It has been complained that there  
are many of these who pass through  
the country, under the pretence of sell-  
ing rights to make or use and sell  
patented articles of various kinds, but  
whose sole object is to defraud the  
simple, and to make money by dishonest  
practices.

Thus we have heard of a case where  
the exclusive right to make and sell a  
machine for a certain town was sold to  
three individuals in the same town.  
We have heard of other cases where  
parties, in signing a supposed agree-  
ment to pay a stipulated price for a  
machine at the expiration of a given  
time, under a proviso that certain re-  
sults should accrue or the article should  
be returned, have signed negotiable  
notes which were sold at a discount,  
and which they were compelled to pay  
when the scoundrels, who took advan-  
tage of their simplicity, were far be-  
yond their reach.

On account of these and other frau-  
dulent practices, many have been vic-  
timized and become disgusted with  
patented articles, and will not examine  
useful and important inventions, which  
it would be for their interest to pur-  
chase and use. This is as silly as it  
would be to denounce watches because  
some rascals sell pinchbeck for real  
gold.

The utter absence of common and  
necessary precautions, in the transac-  
tion of all business displayed by the  
dupes of fraudulent vendors, enables  
pretenders and cheats to bleed their  
purses. Let our rural friends never  
sign their name without being sure  
what they are signing, consult their  
lawyers as to the validity and intent of  
the contracts they propose to make,  
take the affidavit of parties proposing  
to sell patent rights that they are en-  
titled to sell, and that the territory  
bargained for has not already been sold,

and employ such other precautions as  
careful business men always use, and  
they will render the occupation of these  
land sharks very unwholesome in a  
legal point of view.

That the simple and careless shall  
become the dupes of the shrewd and  
unscrupulous is in the nature of things.  
If a man should lie down to sleep in an  
exposed situation, and wake up to find  
his pocket-book and watch abstracted  
by some prowling thief, he would  
scarcely blame anything more than his  
own folly. So if men attempt to exe-  
cute contracts, and take upon them  
obligations of which they know nothing,  
without trustworthy advice, they must  
themselves take the burden of blame if  
they get swindled.

This, however, does not exonerate  
the swindlers. In many cases they  
might be brought to justice, were it not  
for indisposition to pursue and punish  
them. Such a course, though a duty  
to the public, protecting both honest  
sellers and buyers, involves some  
trouble, and it is much easier to "take  
it out" in maledictions against patents  
and all who traffic in them.—*Scientific  
American.*

**A LONG NEEDED INVENTION.**—J.  
K. Magie, of the Canton, Ill., Register,  
has perfected a neat little automatic  
machine for showing stations on rail-  
roads to passengers riding in the cars.  
It is in the form of an oblong case, to  
be attached at either end of the passen-  
ger car, in plain view of all the inmates  
of the car, and on the face is given the  
name of the station next to be reached.  
By an ingenious contrivance, as soon as  
the car passes a station, the machine  
shows the next station, and so on. It  
is very simple and perfect in its opera-  
tions, and quite inexpensive. The ma-  
chine not only shows the stations, but  
will also indicate the distance of the  
station from a certain station point—say  
the distance of the station from each  
terminus of the road. The contrivance  
is capable of imparting a large amount  
of information. Placed on an express  
train, not stopping at way stations, in  
addition to giving the name of the sta-  
tion, there can be added the words  
"train stops," or "train does not stop,"  
or "train stops twenty minutes for  
meals," &c. We understand the C. B.  
& Q. railroad folks are so well pleased  
with the machine, which was only per-  
fected last week, that they have con-  
cluded to put it on all the passenger  
cars. It is certain that the traveling  
public will bless every railroad line  
which adopts it, as it is something the  
need of which has been long and ar-  
dently felt.—*Peoria (Ill.) Transcript.*

**RAISING FAST HORSES.**—In reply  
to a correspondent, the St. Louis *Jour-  
nal of Agriculture* says:

"We cannot recommend you to  
make the raising of fast horses a speci-  
ality in your business. True, fabulous  
prices are paid for extra steeds—more  
especially at the present period; how-  
ever, if you will take the trouble to  
consult the experience of men who  
have started out on this plan, you will  
find they possess light purses, as a gen-  
eral thing. Far better would it be were  
you to raise fast roadsters and rapid  
walkers, and leave 2 15's and 2 20's  
for others to rear. English history re-  
cords a fact that you would do well to  
ponder on. Out of every thirty colts  
from thoroughbred stock on both sides  
but one proves extra fast."

### The Discovery of the Open Polar Sea Confirmed.

The following, dated October 9th, is  
a translation of information received at  
the Navy Department, from Dr. A.  
Petermann, of Gotha:

"The telegram dated October 3d,  
1871 which announces the return of  
Capt. Weyprecht and Lieut. Payer, of  
the Austrian army, states that in the  
month of September an open sea was  
found from 42 degrees to 70 degrees  
east of Greenwich to the northward of  
78 degrees north latitude. The upper-  
most point reached was 70 degrees  
north. On the meridian 47 degrees  
east was found the most favorable state  
of ice towards the North Pole, with a  
probable connection with the open sea  
north of Siberia, towards the east.  
This appears to be the most favorable  
route towards the North Pole. Dr.  
Petermann remarks:

"The best part of this telegram I  
cannot understand, but I have reason to  
assume that Carlland, which was dis-  
covered last year by Count Zeil and  
Theodore Von Henghir, extends south-  
ward to 78 degrees 12 minutes north.  
The Payer and Weyprecht expedition  
was made in a small sailing vessel, and  
at their own expense."

### CORRESPONDENCE.

#### THE RECEPTION OF ALEXIS.

ED. REPUBLICAN:—We have sum-  
med it up. We are aware that we  
cannot give the Prince the reception  
that New York can; but we can do our  
"level best." We have given him an  
invitation, and he is coming. Fantasia  
Flexington can brush up her chignon,  
twist her angelic snout into a seraphic  
smile. Adolphus de Coward can wax  
his twenty-seven hairs on his upper lip,  
and prepare to sip: "Aw, me dear  
Prins, how do you do?" For I tell you  
the Prince is coming. Mrs. Angelica  
Gushington, who has six marriageable  
Gushingtons, can roust old Gush. round  
and lecture him, until he invites the  
Prince to dinner, not that she has any  
hopes of catching the Prince, but there  
are lesser lights in his wake—The Mc-  
Toady, The De Fawners, the real, genu-  
ine dirt eaters and slop-suckers of the  
Old World. Titled, penniless, broken-  
down gamblers, worn out Bones, in  
other words, the Scum de la Scum of  
the Russian nobility. These are what  
Mrs. Gush. is after; and then the plea-  
sure of saying to Mrs. Flimsy McShod-  
dy, whose husband has lately struck her  
or caught a corner in Wall street, who  
is certain to call upon her the next day:  
"Oh, you should have seen my eldest  
Cherub, my first born, Tirzah, waltzing  
with the Prince; and I declare to good-  
ness, the Baron de Scrogin-walpeper was  
quite sweet on our second angel. He  
was twice heard to remark that her  
golden hair reminded him of the Aurora  
Borealis as seen from the ocean. I de-  
clare to goodness, I believe something  
will come of it yet, and it would kill  
me outright to lose my Cordelia Daisy."  
This in America. This in a country  
where the best blood of either ancient  
or modern times has been poured out  
as water, that Crowned Heads might be  
put down. This in a country where  
none are acknowledged superior—only  
as wealth hangs his laurels on their  
brows. This in a country that has pro-  
duced a Webster, a Washington, a Clay,  
and hundreds of others, who have gone  
to their long account, and left their de-  
generate sons to fawn at the feet of  
Royalty. Verily, when one reads the  
dispatches of the manner in which he  
was received at New York, one can al-  
most hear the bones of Washington  
rattle in his tomb. But the telegraph  
says that he is coming to San Francisco  
and, mayhap, to Oregon. We say: let  
him come. He has a perfect right to  
come. The same right that Susan B.  
or George Francis had to come, if he  
will pay his hotel, steamboat, railroad  
and whisky bills, as they did; but he  
should not play poker as they are said  
to have done. But for goodness sakes,  
what is there about him that we should  
go wild over him? What has he done?  
Oh, echo, will you not answer? What  
has he done? But we are going to re-  
ceive him. We have all the arrange-  
ments made. It is supposed that he  
will first land at Eola. We have rented  
a woodshed in that flourishing burg,  
where he will remain until the first  
blubbery is over. He will be met  
there by a fleet of three decker Cayvo-  
senger, piloted by Howlish Kamps-  
ingouger, a native Chief of the Calapo-  
oia's. The procession will be formed on  
Short-yard street, thence they will take  
up the line of march through Hog al-  
ley, when they will proceed up to Bas-  
ket Slough. Here we will erect a tri-  
umphal arch, on the top of which we  
propose to place in effigy a Russian  
Bear, standing on his head, while the  
American Eagle will be represented as  
descending from the clouds, and grasp-  
ing the Bear's tail in his beak. On one  
corner of the arch, will be placed a  
live Chinaman with one eye punched  
out for the occasion, standing on his left  
hind leg, with the other suspended at  
an acute angle, holding in the direction  
of the descending Eagle a bunch of rats  
in token of fraternity and national good  
will. On the other corner will be a  
blooming young Nigger, dressed a la  
Cupid, and duly frescoed; holding in  
his hand an Unk Weed advertisement  
and a copy of the New Departure Plat-  
form. At the meaning of this, we will  
allow the Prince to guess. Here the  
convoy will browse for awhile, as we  
have built a Brush Palace, the carpets  
of which are knee deep. We have tele-  
graphed to Washington for five thou-  
sand copies of the Patent-Office Reports,  
three thousand copies of Greeley on  
Farming, and eleven thousand three  
hundred and seventeen copies of Mun-  
gen's speech on Reputation; we have  
also subscribed for the Lone Saver and  
Bible Pelter. If we cannot convert  
the Prince to Republican principles  
with this panoply of documents, we  
propose to let him rip.

P. S.—I forgot to state that we had  
engaged the chausson grinnist and em-

inent theologian, and soul-charming  
warbler, Prof. Anderson, to deliver a  
weekly oration on the British Corn  
Laws. He will also perform several  
feats in Legerdemain, among which  
may be mentioned: swallowing his shirt  
and tying his nose and tongue in a  
double bow-knot. He will also eat his  
shadow. Admittance, 45 cents in curren-  
cy. The whole to conclude with the  
astonishing feat of swallowing a red-hot  
grubbing hoe.  
BONES.

Latest from the Hartford Fire Insur-  
ance Companies.

The terrible fires, of course, absorb  
public attention, and little else is talked  
or thought of. Hartford will bear her  
share of the burden, both in the way  
of contributions and insurance, and  
will, I think, do it manfully. The smoke  
has not cleared away sufficiently yet  
for our insurance companies to make a  
reliable estimate of losses, but so much  
is known as will probably extinguish  
all but three—The Etna, Hartford and  
Phoenix. The Etna's loss is variously  
estimated at from two to five millions,  
and she is driven to a reduction of cap-  
ital stock fifty per cent. The Hartford  
will lose probably about one million two  
hundred thousand dollars; the Phoenix  
one million five hundred thousand dol-  
lars, and both may be driven to a re-  
duction, with the Etna. The "North  
American," "Merchants," "City,"  
"Connecticut," "Charter Oak" and  
"Putnam" will, more than likely, "go  
by the board." It has been understood  
that the "Merchants," "City" and  
"Connecticut" would be carried over  
by their stockholders; but I heard to-  
day that their losses were so much  
greater than at first estimated that they  
would be closed up. The "Putnam"  
folks have talked of paying as far as  
their assets would go, and starting  
again under a new name—"The Bro-  
ther Johnathan"—euphonius, to say  
the least—whether it is fully decided  
upon, I am unable to say. It is much  
to be regretted that so many valuable  
franchises must be given up.—*Chicago  
Tribune.*

**TWO HUNDRED KU KLUX CON-  
FESSING.**—Two hundred Ku Klux in  
all have made voluntary confession of  
their connexion with the Klan, and  
have surrendered themselves to the  
authorities, totally disgusted with their  
connection with it. Thirty-seven of  
this class came in a few days since  
and made their confessions in writing.  
Three hundred, it is estimated, have  
fled to escape the penalty of their  
crimes, or to avoid arrest, and one  
hundred and two are confined in the jail  
at Yorkville. The prisoners say that they  
have every comfort to be expected  
under the circumstances; that they are  
well treated, have plenty to eat, and  
that their friends are allowed to visit  
them. Capt. Ogden, of the United  
States Army, has immediate charge of  
the jail.

**BANK NOTE PAPER.**—It was gen-  
erally supposed that the secret of man-  
ufacturing the fibre paper on which  
the Government paper was printed was  
known only to those who were under  
contract to supply it to the Treasury  
Department. On the arrest of a gang  
of counterfeiters last week in New York,  
and of another this week in Missouri,  
a large quantity of the fibre paper was  
not only found, but the machinery for  
its manufacture. It is somewhat re-  
markable that the American mind is  
not equal to the invention of a bank  
paper impossible to counterfeit, when  
England has for half a century had a  
watered paper for which her "Bank  
of England" notes of all denominations  
are printed, and which has never yet  
been successfully imitated.

Twenty-one States have voted this  
year. These are New Hampshire, Con-  
necticut, Kentucky, North Carolina,  
Pennsylvania, Ohio, California, Iowa,  
West Virginia, New York, Massachu-  
setts, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois,  
Michigan, Kansas, Mississippi, New  
Jersey, Texas, Virginia and Maine.  
All but six went Republican, and two  
of these, New Jersey and New Hamp-  
shire, will be easily won back next  
year. Conceding them to the opposi-  
tion, however, and leaving out all the  
other States which have not voted, the  
Republicans have already more than a  
majority of the Electoral College. This  
is a nice calculation for the Democrats  
to base their Presidential speculations  
upon.—*Philadelphia Press.*

A number of surveying parties have  
been engaged during the last summer  
and fall in surveying the various  
mountain passes in Montana.

Seward states that the Khedive of  
Egypt is not loyal to the Sultan of  
Turkey.

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